

is perfectly able to fill it with all power, and to use it to accomplish mighty works in his name. There is no life too humble to be greatly used of God. He wants not worth, but willingness.

Most of the work that needs doing in this world does not require exceptional ability. The diffusing of cheer in discouraged surroundings; the repression of sharp and critical words in the ever-recurring moments of temptation; the speaking of messages of encouragement and sympathy; the habit of kindly forbearance; the daily humbling of self for others' sake—these are the common ways in which common lives may be used by Christ.

Greatness in heaven is not measured by greatness on earth.

## Missions

### Chicago Mission

It is reported that there are seventy different kinds of religion, and 1,100 churches in the city of Chicago. Almost every phase of idolatry of pagan lands is known to exist among us. And it goes without saying that every vice of every land is here also. Recently the city authorities have made an effort to close many of the worst places, and have succeeded (?) (in putting a veil over them) and have in a measure given a more respectable outward appearance to some of the levee streets. But "*vice*," is a thing of the heart and we may drive it from one part of the city to another, and compell it to wear a veil of respectability, but it is *vice* still, and will continue to be until something more potent, than human law reaches the heart. Of the many religions mentioned above, not a few of them appeal to the mind only, and *social culture* so-called, which is only another way of expressing outward appearance, while the inner man, the real "*ego*" is not reached at all, so that in fact the real man that dwells within that outward form, remains uncultivated, unconvicted of wrong doing. This the preeminent work of the Holy Spirit is lacking. Jesus said "when the Holy Spirit is come he will convict of righteousness, and of judgement" etc. Doubtless that kind of Holy Spirit religion is very much needed today in our cities.

The work of our mission is doing very nicely. Wednesday night we had the pleasure of the presence of Wm. H. Miller of Indiana with us who gave us an excellent talk, on the promise of the Lord to Jacob, "I will do thee good." All enjoyed it very much. Last night at our Friday night Bible meeting we had the Sunday School lesson. This meeting is a sort of Sunday School teachers meeting at which we study the S. S. lesson. 15 were present.

Now that our Annual Conference is near at hand, let me urge our Brethren everywhere to have your work represented at Conference. Let every church send delegates; send your full quota. We should have the

largest and best Conference in the history of the church. All our auxiliaries are growing nicely. The Missionary work is developing out to a permanent and solid footing. It is noteworthy that the support of the missions, and College, and Publishing house, come chiefly from those Congregations that represent at our Conferences. Those Congregations also that take most prominent part in the general and world wide work of the Church, are the most prosperous, both materially and spiritually. Beloved pastors, you who have a hard time getting money with which to live and carry on your work, urge your Congregations to present at our Conferences. Come hear the reports from all sources, and get an idea of what the church we all love is doing. Come meet with our workers, mingle with them, and you will catch their spirit. Active religion is always "catching," don't get vaccinated against it, for if you do catch it it will only do you good.

We are happy that as a Missionary Board we will be able to make the best report this year in the history of the work. But still we need more contributions to enable us to balance up the year's work even, and we hope our friends will help us to do this. Then we who have had to meet the expenses of the missions daily as they occurred were some times thrown on our own individual resources which are very limited, which worked a hardship from which we have not been able to fully recover, but hope our brethren will share with us in these burdens, that you may also share with us the glory that awaits those who are faithful in the vineyard of the Lord.

Some one asked me not long ago how many churches contributed toward the support of Chicago Mission? At the time I did not know exactly, but my books show 34 churches beside individuals that have made contributions to this work the year just closing, direct to me, and I do not know how many others sent their contributions to our secretary, but we will be able to report that to conference. There has been a gratifying growth along that line. Beside that, the increase in the offerings from our missions here and at Washington is very encouraging. Pray for us. And pray that all may give as the Lord prospers.

At the coming Conference there will be a new feature on the program that I have prayed for for nine years. I refer to the report of the Foreign Missionary Society. Some of my brethren may say, what will you report? Well, if it is but little, be not forgetful that mighty works result from small beginnings. Foreign work is on the program, and from there, let us pray the Lord, that it may be laid on the hearts of the Brethren every where.

I am able to say to those who have asked me about railroad rates to the Conference that the roads west of Chicago sell "tourists tickets" at about eighty per cent the regular rates, which can be purchased to Chicago, and from here you can purchase tickets to

Winona Lake and return at half rates. So in most cases those attending Conference from west of Chicago, had best purchase the "tourist ticket" to Chicago, and then purchase ticket from here to Winona. The rates from Chicago to Winona, and return, is \$3 60.

We are having some very uplifting meetings, and tho this is the hustling season of the year, the interest keeps up in our mission. Pray for us.

We hope every member of the Missionary Board will take note of the notice of the Missionary Board meeting at Winona Park, August 29, at 9 A. M., and make an especial effort to be present.

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## Among the Churches

### Vinco Pastor Surprised

The brethren, sisters and friends of this charge planned a surprise on their pastor. A number of them met together at the church and invited the pastor and his wife to come to the church. Here they were presented with dry goods, wet goods and green goods. The green goods consisted of a purse containing almost \$40 for the purpose of purchasing a new suit for the pastor, collected by sister Tillie Singer. The presentation speech was made by brother Surpeon B. Roland of the Evangelical church and the response was not made; somehow or other the writer was speechless. We wish to thank you one and all for your kindness. We appreciate the love that prompted the gift as well as the gift.

J. L. BOWMAN.

Vinco, Pa.

### From the Church at Pony Creek, Kans.

Four applicants for baptism were to be baptized yesterday, August 11. but on account of sickness and inclement weather we had to postpone the matter.

Last week we were favored with a visit from A. D. Gnagey, our efficient editor. The man who writes such excellent editorials in our EVANGELIST. On Wednesday evening he preached to us an excellent sermon on the companionship and continual presence of Jesus with his people. But, after all, Brother Gnagey deserves a cuffing,—especially from my pencil—for not tarrying with us over Sunday, and preaching some more of the soul stirring sermons which we know he has in store. If it were not for our forgiving nature he would get it too.

We expect Brethren Talley and Ditch with us in the near future to conduct a Bible meeting for us.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

Morrill, Kans.

### Lahmansville, W. Va.

Perhaps a few lines from this place may be of interest to some of your readers. We have now been away from the city one week. Wife's health still improving. We have no members near this place, but I have been invited to preach here on next Saturday night in the United Brethren church. The invitation has been accepted. I believe that we should never let an opportunity go by unimproved even if we are on our "vacation." On next Sunday morning we expect to drive to Greenland, W. Va., a distance of about eight or ten miles to attend the regular appointment of our German Baptist Brethren. We have also sent an appointment to the same place for the afternoon. At this point I expect to meet my dear mother once